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1. DURING DEC 14 CALL ON KORNIYENKO, CHARGE RAISED KIEV PROBLEMS. HE CITED SPECIFICALLY FLORENTSIA APARTMENTS, REQUEST FOR TELEX AND PROCEDURE FOR FILING TRAVEL NOTES AS IRRITATING CURRENT PROBLEMS WHICH PLACE OUR REPRESENTATIVES IN KIEV IN HIGHLY DISADVANTAGEOUS POSITION IN COMPARISON WITH LARGER SOVIET CONTINGENT IN NEW YORK.

2. AFTER RATHER LENGTHY DISCUSSION OF WHO IS TO BLAME FOR DELAYS IN KIEV, KORNIYENKO REMARKED THAT HE WOULD RELUCTANTLY APPROACH KIEV AUTHORITIES "CONE AGAIN" IN ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEMS CITED. HE TOOK CREDIT FOR PERSUADING KIEVANS TO START MOVING RESIDENTS OUT OF STRELETSKAYA BEFORE CONTRACT SIGNED FOR BUILDING. HE SAID THIS WAS MOST DIFFICULT BECAUSE IT CONTRAVENED UKRAINIAN LAW, WHICH REQUIRES CONTRACTURAL OBLIGATION BEFORE TENANTS CAN BE REQUIRED TO LEAVE. NEVERTHELESS, HE ADDED, WORK ON STRELETSKAYA IS BEING DELAYED BY U.S., WHICH HAS NOT YET SUBMITTED COMPLETE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR RECONSTRUCTION, SO THAT SOVIET EFFORTS TO RELOCATE TENANTS MAY PROVE EMBARRASSINGLY
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PREMATURE. CHARGE REFUTED CHARGE THAT U.S. DRAGGING FEET, POINTING OUT THAT KIEV AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN SLOW TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL COMMENT ON OUR PLANS, AND THAT AS COMMENTS RECEIVED WE HAVE DEVELOPED DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS RAPIDLY.

3. AFTER PROMISING TO APPROACH THE KIEV AUTHORITIES, KORNIYENKO "EXPRESSED HOPE" THAT HARTMAN WOULD SEE FIT TO SHOW "SAME CONSIDERATIONS" FOR SOVIET INTERESTS IN NEW YORK. (HE DID NOT RPT NOT SAY THAT OUR RESPONSE TO THEIR PERSONNEL REQUESTS FOR NEW YORK DIFFERED FROM HIS UNDERSTANDING OF HARTMAN'S POSITION.) CHARGE AVOIDED ANY IMPLIED COMMITMENT FOR RECIPROCAL ACTION IN NEW YORK, POINTING OUT OUR COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE IN PAST AND IMBALANCE IN BOTH NUMBERS AND FACILITIES.

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